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The regular pilgrimage to Mecca is making the usual activity among the industrious little cholesters.

Kansas has done the handsome thing. They admit down there that Prince Henry looks like General Patton.

China has the advantage of South American republics in that she is large enough to support several rebellions at the same time.

Speaking of the pleasures of the deb, no one seems to be getting more real enjoyment out of them nowadays than Andrew Carnegie.

A Missouri man has decided to stock his farm with 400 goats this spring. Hereafter the Missouri butter is likely to cut an enlarged figure.

The Chinese government will instruct the reorganization of its army to the fact. Evidently China is preparing to become a fighting nation.

A mountain of arsenic has just been found near Tacoma. Those contemplating suicide can learn the fare to Tacoma from any ticket agent.

King Alfonso, after looking over the situation in Spain, is inclined to wait until he has grown a full set of whiskers before trying to be a ruler.

The bicycle has a past. Its past at least is secure. But the automobile, the airplane and the underwater vessel have a future, every one of them.

An English professor says women are incapable of learning the Chinese language. If he can prove it Chinese may yet become the universal tongue.

A burning match, lighted to find a lost penny, destroyed a \$60,000 grocery store at Sedalia, Mo. This is a case of penny wise and several pounds foolish.

It is intimated that some of our women are contracting foreign alliances just in order to get an opportunity to attend King Edward's coronation.

There would be less justification for divorce if perpetrators of "beauty column" prescriptions could be made to swallow some of their own unkind remarks.

Senator Depew owns 150 pairs of trousers, which allows for a change of one pair and fifty-six hundredths of another every quarter of the twenty-four.

District Attorney Jerome states candidly that he does not know how to run a newspaper. That's a strange admission for a man to make who is not in the business.

A St. Louis teacher of Spanish has been fined \$28 for kissing one of his young lady pupils, and she is probably mad at the jury for not placing a higher valuation upon it.

The pictures appearing of the St. Louis preacher who advised that the women should do the proposing look as if he might wait a long time under any such arrangement.

James Dick of Glasgow has just died and left \$5,000,000 of his fortune to the charitable institutions of his city. This is a clear case of putting money where it will do the most good.

James J. Hill is an audacious student of William Shakespeare. Jim particularly admires Bill's universal outlook and his dexterous way of working up dramatic combinations.

A great reduction is threatened in the output of diamonds this season. Persons who may at present be somewhat shy in the gem department are admonished to order a supply at once.

As long as the agency through which the lighthouse Maine was blown up remains unknown there will be an opportunity for pipe stories about it, but some day the man who knows the truth will bob up and tell it.

Full and generous credit should be given to the corporations of Pennsylvania that have advanced the wages of their employees. The totals will mean several hundred thousand dollars more than can be shown in any other state of the Union.

Prof. Kent of the Yale Divinity School upholds hazing and cites the treatment of Joseph by his brothers as a biblical precedent for the practice. Yale is evidently jealous of the public attention given Western theological schools.

Spain is getting ready a welcome for her poor little boy king that might well appal a man. Riot and revolution are grim attendants to meet him at the foot of the throne he is shortly to ascend. It looks like the beginning of but an ill-starred reign.

With an annual death rate of only thirteen per thousand of the population, it isn't rash to say that Chicago is ultimately destined to become the greatest city on this continent, even without the assistance of the annexation habit.

The State Pawnbrokers' Society of Illinois, having its headquarters at Chicago, and conducting its loan business on philanthropic lines, reports earnings of \$127 per cent for the last year. It is thus once more demonstrated that philanthropy at 1 per cent a month pays.

People who have wondered at that Wichita man who carried the hired girl out of his burning house before saving his wife, perhaps have not remembered how easy it is to get out and how hard to get the other.

Four St. Louis men fought over a turkey that one of them won at a race. Three of them are now in jail and the other is in the hospital, but up to the hour of going to press the turkey had not been recovered. There are other fools than the amateurs who are trying to break automobile records.

It is one of the humors of the situation that Marconi's presence in New York has increased by 15,000 words a day the business of the cable company that wanted him to go away.

Son Issues Cards for Mother's Wedding.



"Mr. Thomas H. Grossmith requests the honor of Mr. Grossmith's presence at the marriage of his mother, Marie Louise, to Mr. Cyrus Mettler, on the evening of Thursday, the third day of April, at half-past eight o'clock, at No. 167 Summit avenue, Jersey City Heights.

This invitation, sent to many persons in Jersey City, N. J., and New York, caused surprise, because the son of the bride-to-be is married. This is in accordance with a promise made when Mrs. Grossmith's first husband was on his death bed. She agreed that

in the event of her marriage a second time she would allow her son to make the announcement.

Mrs. Grossmith is well known in Jersey City society. She is wealthy and still conducts the large rose farm established by her first husband in France. The roses are raised for the manufacture of attar of roses, and the perfume is shipped to New York, where Mrs. Grossmith conducts a successful business. The wedding will certainly be one of the largest as well as the most interesting ever seen in Jersey City.

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AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

SAT ON THE THRONE OF A KING.

American Girl Was a Novel Experience in Turkestan.

Miss Mary Pangborn, daughter of Major and Mrs. Joseph G. Pangborn of Baltimore, has had many unique and some rather thrilling experiences as her father's companion on a tour he has just completed of Afghanistan, Turkestan, Persia and other Asiatic countries for the purpose of getting specimens for the Field Columbian Museum. One of her adventures was to handle the throttle of the engine while the train was rushing across the desert of Persia. Miss Pangborn's friends are confident her experiences on the trip would make an entertaining tale of adventure under the title "From Moscow to Samarkand, in Central Afghanistan, and Return."

Major and Mrs. Pangborn and their daughter traveled in three private cars, especially tendered by the czar of Russia. The party were entertained by the Russian officials at every point at which they touched.

At Bakhara, in the absence of the answer of Turkestan, Miss Pangborn



assumed the office for a temporary period by seating herself on his royal throne and having tea served.

English Crime Statistics. The British home office report for the year 1909, just issued, shows that out of a million Britons, seventy-four were guilty of crimes against the person, fifty-five were guilty of robbery with violence, 159 were convicted of stealing or defrauding, seven of maliciously injuring property, eight of forging or coining, and twelve of other offenses which brought them to the courts. The proportion of persons previously convicted continues to rise. In 1903 it was 569 per thousand, and now it is 612 per thousand, the total numbering 4,885. The increase in the number of previously convicted persons is said to be due chiefly to improved methods of identification.

HE PROVED HIMSELF A FIGHTER.

Not an Expert Mathematician, but a Real American Soldier.

Lieut. L. J. Van Schalk, who failed to pass his examination in mathematics at West Point in 1899 and was dropped from the academy, has just returned from the Philippines with a shattered arm and a mark for remarkable bravery in a single-handed fight with over a score of bolomen, of whom he killed three and held the others at bay until the arrival of reinforcements. A number of the bolomen were armed with rifles. Lieut. Schalk's arm was nearly severed by

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Codes for Royal Phones. Buckingham palace is being fitted with a complete telephone service, communicating with the nearest police and fire stations, the king's apothecary and the residence of the prince of Wales. When a confidential message is sent by telephone between royal palaces it is invariably transmitted in a cipher code known only to members of the royal family and a few privileged officials. The codes are kept in small books, metal mounted and with patent locks.

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A Chinese View. It has always seemed incredible to the Chinese that our missionaries leave home and cross the seas to their country for no other purpose than to teach them a religion that we believe better than theirs. This was something that even Li Hung Chang could never quite understand, and he often said: "If these missionaries ever come into the Chinese heart the physician will open the door." It was through the healing of the body that Christ awakened the people to the needs of the soul, and what better way can we devise?

Tenant Farming. One of the striking things shown by the last census is the remarkable increase of tenant farming. The percentage of farms operated by tenants showed a considerable increase by the census of 1890. For the whole country this percentage has increased in the last ten years nearly twice as fast as the percentage of population of the nation, four times that of the purely agricultural population, and twice that of the farms operated by their owners.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

KAISER'S SON TO VISIT AMERICA.

Prince Albert's Coming Over in the Training Ship Charlotte.

Now the Kaiser's son is to visit the United States. The Imperial German training ship Charlotte will arrive at New York April 28, and among her



crew of naval cadets will be the third son of the German emperor, Prince Adalbert.

This action of royalty was born July 14, 1884. He is 15 years old, and to his tenth year was entered in both the army and navy as an officer. He is a lieutenant in the 37th Regiment of the Imperial Foot guards, and at present holds active rank in the navy as a lieutenant of the Charlotte.

Small Pay for Great Invention. Everyone is familiar with the hook eyelet now commonly used on boots and shoes. The man who invented it could dispose of it only by selling the complete title to a shoe company. Even the shoe company did not fully appreciate the value of the invention which they had acquired, for the hook and eyelet was regarded as an eccentricity and would require expensive machinery in its manufacture. It is said that the inventor realized \$600 for his hook and eyelet.

HAS GREAT ORATORICAL TALENT.

Miss Anderson Carries Off Honors at Wisconsin State University.

Miss Julia Marjorie Anderson, who has just won the annual oratorical contest at the Wisconsin state university against six of the best young men orators who could be pitted against her, is a modest young wo-

man of scarcely twenty years, a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the high school of Racine, where she was born. Miss Anderson's subject was "The Iconoclast in History," and her judges expressed the greatest admiration for the matter and manner of her oration. Teachers and students alike are very proud of their young comrade.

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Airships May Race in City of Chicago.

A challenge for an airship race in Chicago, to be held as a preliminary event to the \$200,000 aerial steeplechase at St. Louis world's fair of 1903, has been sent to Santos-Dumont at Paris, France, by President Thoplus Williams of the Chicago Flying Club.

Measure twenty-six feet. When expanded and ready for flight its lathenated, perforated wings are twelve feet from tip to tip. Beneath the cylindrical, cigar-shaped body is the car in which passengers and the chauffeur win ride. Here is installed a gasoline motor that has been found the most

successful power with which to operate and steer this mechanism.

Under all are two pairs of small wheels, on which the machine stands a little run on earth before soaring away into the empyrean.

men's food," for, incredible as it may seem, it is perhaps the best food product of the earth, being far more productive than either wheat or potatoes—the staple food of other nations. Long ago it was calculated that it is 125 times as productive as wheat and forty-four times as productive as the potato; in other words, that the ground that would give thirty-three pounds of wheat or ninety-nine pounds of potatoes would, as far as mere space is concerned, give 4,000 pounds of bananas, and with a fractional amount of the same trouble. It has been called the "prince of the tropics," because it takes the same place, only to an even greater degree, in these hot countries that wheat, rice and barley take in West Asia and Europe, and that rice takes in India and China.—Longman's Magazine.

KEENE GIVES VIEWS ON CHARITY.

New York Financier is Very Liberal in His Ideas.

James R. Keene, speculator and sportsman, gives these as his views on charity: "I believe in giving money lack of character that they come to want. These are the persons who need help and the ones I seek to assist when I give money, so far as I am able to control its disposition. I want them to have food and clothes and coal and other necessities if they need them. I don't give money for books. There are plenty of books to be had everywhere, but when poor people are in need it is not books, but when people need it and to people who are in actual want, regardless of the causes of their want. If a man is hungry he should be fed, and at once; if he has become habituated to drink and his system demands a drink it should be given to him. Never mind what his past has been.

"If it be a woman who is in need it is of no importance whether she is bad or not. The question whether she is hungry or in need of clothes or shoes or coal is of importance.

"That's my idea of charity. I confess I am not as a rule much of a believer in what is known as organized charity. Many of these organizations require a certificate of character before assistance is given, and there are too much red tape and delay before assistance is rendered. It is not the resolute, capable man who usually needs help. Such assistance is generally asked by the man or woman who has made mistakes of one sort or another. It is frequently due to this food and clothing for their babies and coal to keep them warm that they

want. If I could give whatever money I am able to spare to persons who through adversity have been reduced from property to want I would prefer it, but these are the ones who are too proud in most cases, to make their wants known."

Burma Pays for Itself. Burma has already more than repaid all of England's outlay upon it during and since the third Burmese war.

Remarkable Error by a Governor. The Palatka (Fla.) News relates a remarkable story of an error made by Governor Jennings in filing out a warrant for the execution of J. B. Brown, a negro murderer. By some unexplained blunder, the governor omitted the name of Brown from the document and inserted in its place that of Nash J. Tilghman of Palatka, and one of the most respected citizens of the town. The sheriff was directed in the warrant to hang the Rev. Mr. Tilghman on Jan. 25. Of later he very much annoyed over the incident and feels that an apology is due him—a view which, strangely enough, the governor refuses to take.

American Bitter in England. A specimen of a very rare visitor to the British Isles, the American bitter, is reported from Ireland. The bitter's breeding grounds are in and about Texas, and in the autumn it migrates in great numbers to the Bermudas. It has only been seen some twelve times in Ireland.

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Snuff-Taking in America. It has been a widespread impression that snuff-taking had been almost abandoned in this country, or that the number of men and women who still adhered to this old-time habit was absurdly small. Yet the chief snuff company of America, in its annual report, showed net earnings of more than \$1,000,000. The great persons of the earth do not now exchange gifts of gold snuff boxes studded with diamonds, as they did when the First Napoleon was the autocrat of Europe, but the use of tobacco in every imaginable form of indulgence still knows no bounds.

Vine Present for Mrs. Roosevelt. President Diaz has sent to Mrs. Roosevelt three pieces of exquisite drawn linen. The specimens are considered the most beautiful that have ever come to this country.

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THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

BATHONE GETS HEAVY SENTENCE.

Mc-Cubbin Official Must Serve Ten Years in Prison, and Pay Fine.

The trial of Alvares of Kates G. Rathbone, ex-director of the Cuban postoffice department, for embezzlement of funds and fraud in the



possession of a recalled stamp issue, culminated in a sentence of ten years in prison and a fine of \$35,324. Newly and Reeves, Rathbone's subordinate and accomplices, received similar sentences in prison and heavy fines. Rathbone was a prominent figure in Cuban politics and was fourth assistant postmaster general of the United States before he went to Cuba.

Opposed to Metric System. A bill is soon to be reported providing for the adoption of the metric system by the government. Some time ago, when the same bill was under consideration, Colonel Peter J. O'Leary of Virginia made a speech in the house that is still famous:

"Why, Mr. Speaker," he said, "this is a bill for schoolboys. It is not for men like myself, who got their education years ago. I wouldn't understand it, and not many of the members of the house would understand it. I venture to say, Mr. Speaker, that under the metric system of weights and measures I wouldn't be able to take a drink of whisky intelligently."

—Washington correspondence New York World.

DEATH REVEALS HIDDEN SECRET.

Woman Had Lived for Years as the "Husband" of Another Woman.

"William C. Howard" of Canandaigua, N. Y., lived for years as the "husband" of another woman.

and" of Mrs. Dwyer Howard at "stepfather" to her children, and "real sex was not discovered until last week, when "he" died and the family refusal to allow the undertaker to prepare the body for burial led to suspicions of possible unnatural death and an investigation, which developed that the person known to Canandaigua residents as "Mr." Howard was a woman.

Capitolian's Art. Very beautifully decorated are the walls of the new part of the capitol, where handsomely furnished committee rooms fill the space once occupied by the Congressional library. In some of the corridors are attractive frescoes of nymphs and goddesses, with their delicately molded forms swathed in flowing garments.

"And who are these?" asked a New Jersey visitor to Senator Keen, as they passed along the corridors to the senator's committee room.

"Those," said Senator Keen, "are the pictures of our typewriters."

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